

SYLVANUS TOWNSEND.

JANUARY 10, 1832.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sylvanus Townsend, report:*

The petitioner alleges, that he served in the militia various terms, during the revolutionary war, against the common enemy; that, residing on the frontier in West Chester county, in the State of New York, where the enemy's light troops were continually scouring the country, the militia were subjected to frequent alarms, night watches, and guard duty; that he verily believes he was in actual service one half of the time during the war; that he is 75 years of age, in indigent circumstances, and unable to labor.

Daniel Purdy makes affidavit that he is intimately acquainted with the petitioner, and knows that he was a private soldier in Captain Ephraim Lockwood's company, in Colonel Crane's regiment of West Chester county militia, during the war; and that deponent was a lieutenant in said company from about the first of June, 1778, till the end of the war; that the county was continually disturbed, during the war, by incursions of the enemy; that, during the four last years of the war, the said company was in service the greater part of the time in the summer seasons; that exclusive of short terms of service, the said company was in service more than ten months during the said four years; and that the petitioner did his duty as a private in the said company.

The affidavit of Sylvester Buckbee fully corroborates the deposition of the said Daniel Purdy, and adds, that the petitioner served nine months in the year 1777, and part of 1778; that he served a part of said nine months personally, and a part of the said time by hiring substitutes; that the petitioner served in the United States' hospital in the fall of the year 1776; and that he, the deponent, has heard the memorial of the said petitioner read, and verily believes the same to be true.

Polly Townsend deposes and says, that she is the daughter of the petitioner, is perfectly acquainted with his circumstances, and knows that he does not own any real estate, and no personal estate, except bedding and a few articles of household furniture; and that he is 75 years of age, and unable to support himself by labor.

Your committee believe that the petitioner is equitably entitled to receive a pension, and therefore report a bill.

